

Remarks

Claims 1 and 5 of the present application have been rejected as being anticipated or obvious over Viita-Aho, WO 00/15535. Claim 1 has also been rejected as being obvious and unpatentable over the combination of Viita-Aho in view of Baranda et al, WO 99/43589. Claims 2-4 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been found to be otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Responsive to the rejections, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include therein the limitations recited in allowable claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled, and claims 3 and 4 amended to adjust their dependency accordingly. As claim 1 is now of allowable scope, and claims 3-5 are dependent thereon, all claims are allowable.

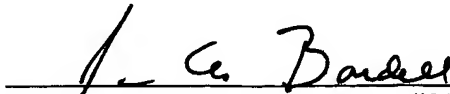
Passage to allowance is solicited.

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